

September 24, 2017

Trinity 16 / Pentecost 17



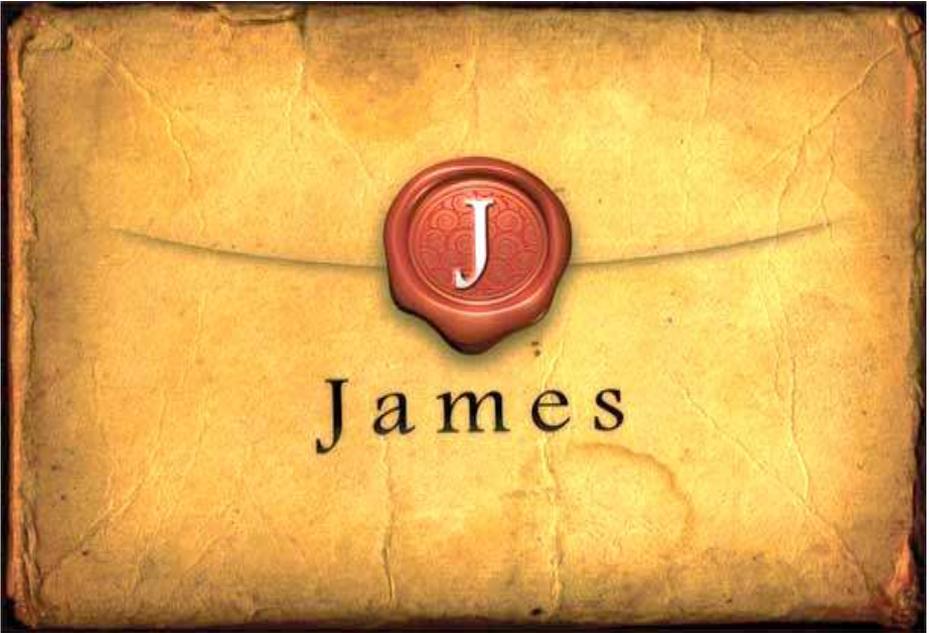
"WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED..."

~1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & SCHOOL K-8

134 21st Street
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9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class / 10:00am Divine Service

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Pastor Neal Radichel ♦ Principal Dave Bernthal ♦ Teacher Jennifer Wiese

*Altar cloths are green; the color of life in nature signifies our spiritual life in Christ's kingdom.
Welcome to all! This week's focus:*

"Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?"

James 2:5

Today's Divine Service Liturgy (how God's Word serves us): **Tan Supplement p12**
743 ♦ 367 ♦ 400 ♦ 757 (1, 5)

Pre-Service Meditation Ps 119-VI. (Red Hymnal pg.149) ~ Opening Bells / Prayer
Our worship service centers and glorifies our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please turn off your cell phones to avoid distraction.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

I. WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

THE INVOCATION *We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.*

PASTOR: We begin our Savior's worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #743 [Tan Supplement]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

ALL: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

ALL: Amen!

II. WE PRAISE OUR LORD

LORD, HAVE MERCY *KYRIE*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation (speaks): Amen.

III. OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ ISAIAH 50:4-10

4 "The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. **5** The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. **6** I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. **7** "For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. **8** He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. **9** Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up. **10** " Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD And rely upon his God.

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ MARK 8:27-35

27 Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?" **28** So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." **29** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ." **30** Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him. **31** And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** He spoke this word openly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. **33** But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." **34** When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **35** "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains three measures of 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff contains 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff contains three more measures of 'Al - le - lu - ia!'.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLE'S CREED

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He**

descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #367 [Red Hymnal]

SERMON MEDITATION read/watch sermons and services online at www.fdllutheran.org

Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

James 2:1-5

1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. **2** For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, **3** and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," **4** have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? **5** Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

Theme: Beware of Favoritism

1. It causes great harm and destruction to your fellow believers
2. It goes against the principles of Jesus

Thank you to Mr. Michael Schierenbeck (Pastor Emeritus) for sharing the Gospel

THE OFFERTORY *We Offer God our hearts again, praying for His Spiritual blessings!*

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

SERMON HYMN: #400 [Red Hymnal]

IV. WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

FOLLOWED BY THE OFFERING HYMN: WS #788

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver, Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving, With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living, We may consecrate to You.**

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ **SAY LORD'S PRAYER**

V. OUR LORD BLESSES US

THE BENEDICTION - *The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace.

ALL: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: #757 (1, 5) [Tan Supplement]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Questions? (920) 922-7421

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: *"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*

**Online calendar at FDLutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran*

Sep 24 Sun Usher Team #4: Wayne W, Dave B, Bob C, Ron H, Alan K, Larry S
Organist: Mrs. Fillmore / Counters: Alan K, Dave M
9a Sunday School / Bible Class, **10a** Worship

Sep 26 Tue Elders Meeting

Sep 29 Fri **6p** Family game night / Future planning meeting (studies, activities, etc)

Oct 1 Sun Usher Team #1: Lowell B, Reuel D, Rodney K, Tyler K, Alex S, John S
Organist: Mr. Hay / Counters: Alan K, Dave M

Flu vaccines available before and after church (Diane C)

9a Bible Class – Sam Schierenbeck (Nepal Mission Helper present.)

10a Fall Mission Festival

UPCOMING DATES: 

Oct 14 Sat LM Reformation Seminar

Oct 29 Sun **3p** Joint Reformation Service (Markesan)

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CLC CALL NEWS The Rev. Mark Weis, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Cape Coral FL, has accepted the call to St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD.

Are the CLC and the WELS Getting Back Together? Some think that the CLC and the WELS are on the verge of re-establishing fellowship. What a blessing that would be if fellowship could be re-established! However, that would only be God-pleasing if our synods truly teach the same thing according to God's Word. Currently this is not the case. So, what are the doctrinal differences? Here are three points that currently separate the CLC and the WELS.

1. Do we really teach the same thing about false teachers, and when God says we should separate from them? Recent talks have focused on this important topic.
2. According to the official teachings of the WELS, which you can find online by searching "WELS man and woman roles", they teach that God says that all women be subordinate to all men in society. The CLC doesn't see this in Scripture.
3. The WELS has been heavily involved with a financial company called Thrivent. This company openly uses money from its various church investors to build educational institutions that teach obvious false doctrines. The CLC says this is unionism. May God bless our synods so that we may one day be joined in doctrinal unity, and therefore, in fellowship. Until that day, may God guard us from false unity.

"Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6 NKJV).

IN OUR PRAYERS *If you are hospitalized, please let pastor know if you would like a visit!*

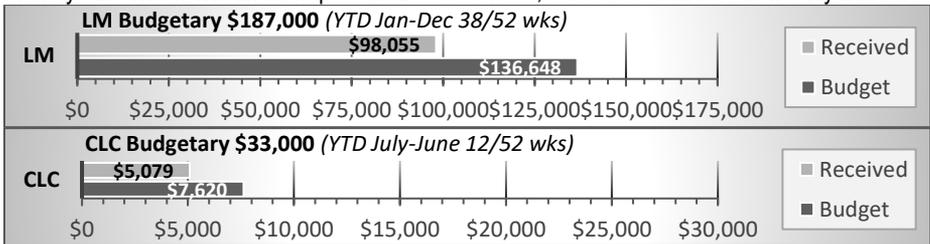
Hospitalized: Eileen G is at Hospice for Hope. The Lord bless her as she awaits His call.

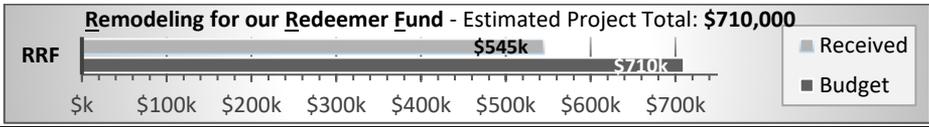
Shut-ins: Evelyn Chase (Lutheran Home), Eileen Gantner (Hospice for Hope), Dan Immel (Woodlands), Ed Jacobs (868 W Scott St), Gloria Jacobs (Woodlands), Doris Kaiser (Woodlands), Jeanette Keipe (675 S. Main St.), John Lenburg (769 Mustang Ln), Marion Mach (Lutheran Home), Lois "Jean" Martin (Lutheran Home), Jim Steffen (N8652 Linden Beach Rd).

FRUITS OF FAITH—LAST SUNDAY / FOR THE YEAR *Bible Class 28 Worship 118*

<u>LUTHERAN MEMORIAL CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
Budgetary (\$3596 budgeted per week)	Budgetary (\$635 needed per week)
\$2640 LM General Budget	\$445 CLC General Budget
Non-Budgetary Gifts List: \$6000	Non-Budgetary
\$30 LM School	\$ ILC Student Aid Fund
\$ LM Student Aid Fund	\$ ILC Building Fund
\$ LM Debt Retirement	\$ ILC Improvement Fund
\$10 LM Maintenance & Improvements	\$20 Mission Development-(MDF)
\$14 LM Local Missions/Outreach	\$10/0 Project Kinship/Orphanage
\$2199 LM Other: RRF (Building Fund)	\$65 CLC Other: Foreign
☐ Memorial (Designated): Leah Wirkus (\$10 MDF, \$20 RRF), Agnes Leonhardt (\$200 RRF)	

Due to the ongoing budget needs, the Council wishes to encourage LM Members to direct their local offerings to the "LM General Budget" rather than "Non-Budgetary" items for the remainder of the year. This is not an attempt to bind consciences, but rather to meet our weekly needs.





Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

Mon 2 Kings 5:8-19 Humans are more likely to trust their own judgment rather than God's, and human arrogance stands in conflict with God's will and Word (8-12)—but God can use the sensible suggestion of a teenager to turn the page in a person's life (13). When God used her testimony to get Naaman to trust Elisha, Naaman became a convert, striving to be faithful to the LORD in his heart and life (15-19).

Tues Luke 20:27-40 The Sadducees were modernists, using the Bible to pick a fight. Jesus outgunned them with these facts: A) As to marriage, it's meant for this world/age only, not for the world to come (35-36). B) As to resurrection, Moses (in Exodus 3) wrote *to you* that since God spoke about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as being still alive (37-38), therefore they have survived bodily death. Amen!

Wed 1 John 3:1-9 Children of God are special, even if we don't get much recognition from others (1). We are special because in heaven we shall be like Jesus (2). Since we are bonded with Jesus, we avoid sinful living (4-6) and are devoted to godly living (7-8). Indeed, in our new-born nature we love God, and as we confess our sins, He cleanses us from all unrighteousness (cf. 1:8-9). All glory be to God!

Thurs Ezekiel 18:20-32 clarifies God's attitude toward the sinful life-style (the kind that is habitual and unrepentant). God deals *fair* and square with those who claim to be His children, but whose lifestyle betrays them (26). Contrariwise, those whose lifestyle is genuinely repentant, living from *a new heart and a new spirit* (31), will be judged *fairly*, too. BTW, God is dedicated to rescuing souls from hell (32)!

Fri John 15:18-25 We hear of Christians in foreign lands suffering persecution because they are perceived as belonging to Jesus; perhaps it happens here at home also—that you are jeered because you avoid those who jeer Jesus (18-20). Note: The sin of dissing Jesus (21-24) is indefensible (25), for it throws dirt on both God the Father and God the Son. May Your Holy Spirit not give up on humans!

Sat Romans 8:18-37 God's Holy Spirit assures us that He has made preparations for us to be delivered from the prison of our bodies (20-23). Since we live in view of that wonderful day, it is understandable that we occasionally utter a few impatient groanings—which the Holy Spirit takes into account (26-27). God makes all these situations work together for our blessing (28), for how could God do otherwise for us whom He selected, called, justified, and destined for glory (29-30)? Indeed, His chain of grace is strong enough to pull us through all adversities and to keep us close to His Son, Jesus Christ (37-39).